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TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MU, US

SUBJECT: MASIRAH: PRESS REPORT ON U.S. USE

1. FINANCIAL TIMES OF NOVEMBER 19 CARRIES SMALL ITEM ON INSIDE PAGE HEADED, "OMAN WILL LET U.S. USE ISLAND". ITEM READS, "OMAN IS PREPARED TO LET THE U.S. USE THE STRATEGICALLY VALUABLE ISLAND OF MASIRAH AS A MILITARY BASE AFTER BRITISH FORCES PULL OUT NEXT MARCH, HEAD OF STATE SULTAN QABOOS BIN SAID HAS SAID, REUTER REPORTS". EMBOFF CALLED ITEM TO ATTENTION OF LUCAS IN FCO, WHO HAD NOT SEEN ITEM BUT COMMENTED FINANCIAL TIMES IS FOLLOWING BRITISH PLANS TO WITHDRAW.

2. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE FOR PRESS INQUIRIES. IF FEASIBLE WE WOULD LIKE TO FURNISH FCO WITH GUIDANCE IN ADVANCE OF RELEASE.

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